MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI : Is there nothing prevent the transfer?

PRESIDENT : What would the honourable member suggest ?

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI : The answer given by the Chief Secretary is in conflict with the statement of the President.

PRESIDENT : When the Companies issue shares no more than a certain proportion will be allowed to Non-Travancoreans. But what the share holders do after they purchase is not the concern of Government. Does the Honourable Member suggest that there must be Legislative machinery forbidding the resale of purchased shares. In that case the price of the shares will fall.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : Will the Government consider the possibility of this concern becoming a losing concern ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI : Why should the honourable member be so pessimistic? We do not expect it to be a losing concern.

PRESIDENT : Assuming this to be a losing concern, Government are not going to be pessimistic. We expect large profits from the manufacture of Sulphuric acid.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : What is the total amount expected from.....

PRESIDENT : If only the honourable member will exercise a little patience I will deal with every aspect of the question after question time.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : What is the total amount of fertilisers required by the agriculturists in Travancore ?

PRESIDENT : Intelligent students of politics like the honourable member will realise that it is a matter for propaganda. Nobody will question the advantage of using fertilisers. Yet the people have to be persuaded into using them. The Government of India are setting apart crores of rupees for the purpose of propaganda throughout the country in order to persuade the people into using them. Whether we should have such propaganda set up here is a matter for consideration.

MR. P. O. THOMAS (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*) : (Not heard).

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI : The question has already been answerd.

Travancore Fertilisers and Chemicals.

8. * MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what chemicals and fertilisers are proposed to be produced by Travancore Fertilisers and Chemicals;

(*b*) what is the target output per year and value of each of such materials; and

(*c*) who manages the Travancore Fertilisers and Chemicals, Ltd. ?

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RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: (*a*) Ammonium Sulphate, Sulphuric Acid, Rayon and other chemical products;

(*b*) 50,000 tons of Ammonium Sulphate. As regards sulphuric acid the plant now being installed will have a target production of 2000 tons per annum. No estimates have been made in respect of other products. The value of the materials cannot be ascertained at present.

(*c*) Messrs. Seshasayee Brothers, Ltd., Trichinopoly.

Appointments made in the Fertilisers and Chemicals, Travancore, Ltd.

9. *MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased;

(*a*) to state:

(i) whether they have any control over the appointments made in the Fertilisers and Chemicals, Travancore Ltd., at Alwaye;

(ii) if so, the total number of appointments made in the clerical staff till 30-12-1944; and

(iii) the number of Travancoreans appointed; and

(*b*) to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of appointments made?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI:

(*a*) (i) No, except that the agreement with the company provides that if qualified Travancoreans are available the company will employ them preferentially both in the superior and the subordinate staff.

(*a*) (ii) and (iii), and (*b*) Information is not available, as it is a registered company and not a Government concern.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: In answer to points (ii) and (iii) "the total number of appointments made in the clerical staff till 30-12-1944 and (iii) the number of Travancoreans appointed" etc., the answer is "the information is not available." Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have yet got the information on the point?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: No, not yet. It will be available only after the factory begins to function. At present only the preliminary works are going on.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Is the Government aware that there are numerous persons already in employment under that company?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: Yes.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: Is there any objection to get this information from the company?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: No.

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI: Will the Government try to get that information from the company?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: The time has not yet arrived when the information will be available.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: Why does the Government hesitate to ask for that information from the company?

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